NEWS OF THE THEATRES. Not one of the so-called "free" or "independent' theatres which have been started in the different capitals of the world has as yet become a sub-tantial, permanent success, and this should prove a consoling thought to the premoters of the Theatre of Arts and Letters, whose costumes, plays, somery, and other goois and chattels were last week placed in the hands of an agent for disposal to the highest older. This theatre was a costly experiment, undertaken with the arowed purpose of lifting the American stage to the same lefty heights on which American literature has long enjoyed a secure perch, and a great many people of the highest intelligence and purest motives joined the movement without stopping to inquire which one of the two branches of ait was really in the healthlest condition, or to investigate the methods by which it was proposed to accomplish that work of elevation which has in former years enlisted the talents and enthusiasm of such reformers as Steele Mackaye and Mrs. James Brown Potter. The complete downfall of the scheme is to be deplored, because it will probably be a long while before any one will undertake the establishment of another "independent" theatre, an enterprise which, proterly conducted, has its legitimate and aseful sphere. Such a theatre should occupy the same relation to the drama that the Gro-Ber Club does to literature. That club publishes special editions of books for which there is a limited demand among the lovers and students of books. It would not pay a regular publisher to undertake the printing of these volumes, nor would it pay a theatrical manager to produce certain plays which lack the elements of popularity, but which would prove veritable object lessons to all persons interested in the drama. In the production of the works of men like James Horne, Ibsen. and other people who have something to sav. and their own way of saying it, a free theatre could find a wide field for the exercise of its functions, and it was in the hope of seeing pieces of this class that a great many people were led to subscribe to the undertaking. But of the nine new plays produced by the Theaire of Arts and Letters during the first and only season of its existence, not one could be said to possess any special value, and it is doubtful if any one of the lot will find a bidder in the market. it was a matter of some surprise to a great part of the public that the contributions of our men of letters to the The-atre should have proved of such little worth but the truth is that the sort of literature which to fostered with the greatest care in this country is not of the kind which lends itself readily to stage purposes. The monthly magazine is the cradle, kindergarten, school, and college of American letters, and the conductor of that magazine is whilged to consider the tastes of millions of readers and thousands of advertisers. Two-thirds of these people like their fetion as mild and innocuous as the weakest of weak tea, and it is through the continual deference to the wishes of such people that there has sprung up in this country what might be termed "cambric literature," and a few years ago we were threatened with a field wave of cambrie dramas. In every well-regulated magazine office there are experts who for years have made a careful study of the emotions, likes and dislikes of the people who form the bulk of the magazines and it is given to these experts, who read it through with the utmost care to see if it contains anything calculated to give offence to any human being whose name is on the subscription. If the story succeeds in running this gauntlet, another expert reads it to see if it contains anything calculated to please any of the readers, and there are those who believe that eitner the last-named expert is careless or that the precautionary readers are too conscientious in the performance of their duties. Sometimes a story ig accepted with the provision that certain scenes shall be omitted or certain objectionable phrases changed. In a recent was "bosom of the ocean" was changed to "billows of the sea," to the manifost advancement of the morals and literature of our day and generation. By these adroit methods magazines are made; but when the men who have been in the habit of writing with one eye on their paper and the other on the experts who have devoted their lives to the study of medicarity, and whom they must not offend-when these men try to become dramatists they have been at such extraordinary pains to learn. The mildly reproving eye of Mr. Glider to stage purposes. The monthly magazine is the cradle, kindergarten, school, and college they find themselves hampered by that which they have seen at such extraordinary pairs to learn. The mildly reproving eye of Mr. Gilder looks down upon them as they work. They cannot forcet for the moment the precepts of the Harpers. In other words, the coitors and publishers and experts shut humanity from their eyes. That is the reason, or one reason, why American story writers fail in that higher form of literary endeavor in which the romancers who have grown up in the freer literary atmosphere.

But Arts and Letters had other things to contend with besides the false school of letters from which it attempted to draw its playwrights. As an illustration of the way in which the business of the concern was conwhich the business of the concern was conducted the following story is recalled: Mr. Mclowell was extremely anxious to play in Boston during Holy Week, probably because it is
the worst week in the year. The time at the
Holis Street Theatre belonged to "Blue
leans" and Mr. McDowell had a week in
Providence which he was willing to exchange
for it. but when he made the proposition to
the manger of the more popular entertainment the latter showed him that he had preionsly played to ten thousand dollars in a the manager of the more popular entertainment the latter showed him that he had previously played to ten thousand dollars in a week in Boston, and therefore did not care to make any change. He was willing, however, to do it if Mr. McDowell would guarantee that his share of the week's receipts in Providence should be \$15.500, and on this basis the exchange was effected, the manager of the Arts and letters depositing the money with Manager Reb Week in Providence to audiences which made its share about \$1,000, and Mr. McDowell's tied the difference with a check for \$1.500, while his own performances had brought in but \$1,400 at the Hollis Street Thesirs. Some members of the defunct entriesse talk vaguely, but hopefully, about continuing it as a ciub. But that is scarcely within the range of possibility. Clube spring up in all sorts of ground and from all sorts of material, but it is very seldom that the mourners at a funcation in memory of the departed. They generally lave the cemetery before the grave has been filted in, and never assemble together afterward exeant in literation over the will. stally leave the cometery before the grave has been filled in, and never assemble together afterward except in litigation over the will, and in this case there will he no estate worth lighting for. Mr. Dickson, to whom has been litrusted the difficult task of realizing a lew dollars on the odds and ends which remain, is one of the most necomplished past masters of strategic finance that the town has ever known. The lat under which he is transacting business this summer is of light straw, with a brold brim and a dark brown ribben, and is frequently seen in the vicinity of Broadway and Twenty-ninth street, about five feet sight inches above the pavement.

have grown up in the free literary atmosphere of France, (iermany, and even England have schieved so much success.

Rival managers are still stirring up interbeing strife in the local German colony keaking up families and destroying the peace on a happy cafés, by the discussions which bey raise in regard to the coming theatrical sais in. The cafes and beer saloons play an is bortant part in German artistic life, and says manager counts with atsolute certaity on the loyalty of those places of resembly manager counts with atsolute certaity on the loyalty of those places of resembly ment which lie within a convenient distinct it has been supported by an action of the purpose of discussing the sans of Herr Philipp, the promises of Herr Caried, the artful machinations of Herr Caried, the mystery which envelops the amount of the Regard to the plays and the year in regard to the plays and the year of the comparatively inseent purpose of producing English versions of German plays have already shown their and by announcing the engagement of four serman companies. The first of these, the Lajputlan organization, will begin a welve wasks' senson early in September with their purpose of the company from their purpose of the company from their purpose of the sense of the sense of the annual products of eight weeks. After their departure the Imperial Carl Theatre company from themselved the members of this company has ever been asea in New York. The company from the Residence Theatre of Berlin will then occupy the stage, glying farcical entertainments, is which among other actors, the famous comedian Rinack will be seen. Kinnack played an engagement at the Thaili Theatre in this city along the very sange and other actors, the famous comedian Rinack will be seen. Kinnack played an engagement at the Thaili Theatre in this city along the very season of opera beautiful which has been given in this ter raise in regard to the coming theatrical inning L. 4. The Ferenczy opera company i

will give these performances, beginning with "Der Vogelhändler." in which they were seen last season. It is asserted in those cafes which support the Conried enterprise that Herr Link will be a member of the company, and also that the ladies engaged by the talented manager are all of a high order of beauty. This statement is confirmed by Conried himself, but beyond that he will say nothing about the other members of his organization. That secret has been embalmed in hieroglyphics in the columns of the local German newspapers, where it will be jealously guarded. It is asserted also in those houses of refreshment which fly the living Flace banner that, in deference to the well-known Teutonic liking for the antique, an indian drama called "Vesantasena." which was written 400 years before the birth of Christ, will be given as one of the interesting features of the season. As for Herr Philipp, he is busy with his preparations for the opening of his new Germania Theatre on Eighth street, which he will oven about two weeks in advance of his up-town rival. He will make a specialty of German versions of current successes like "The Prodigal Daughter," and will cater to an humble class of people. His scheme is regarded as feasible by a good many people who are well versed in the intricacles of German management, for it is a well-known fact that the "middle gallery" is the backhone of a German playhouse, and the class of people that frequent this gallery is exactly the class that Herr Philipp will aim at in his new theatre. The fact that Herr Amberg has not been seen in his accustomed haunts recently lans given rise to the alarming rumor that he too has engaged a company with the intention of waging a guerrilla warfare on the other managers. Another dark report which has found credence in the cafes of Second and Third avenues is 'hat the Munich company has been insuged by Conried and others by the llosenfelds.

Evans & Hoey have engaged the Merrill Sisters for the season. McKee Rankin has sold to Charles Cowles, a Yankee comedian, his new play, called "The Baxters," a three-act drama. with the scene laid in northern Ohlo, near the old home of President Garfield. Elmer E. old home of President Garfield. Elmer E. Vance, known in theatrical circles as the author of "The Limited Mail," and also as the bhantom landlord of Niblo's Garden, has a new play for this season, in which will be introduced a ten-horse power electrical engine built entirely of steel. E. P. Barber has a sensational comedy called "Uncle Jason," designed to suit the tastes of bucolic audiences. Its mechanical effects include a sawmill in operation, a realistic fire scene, and a steamed loat explosion. Vernona Jarbeau has a comedy which is sensational in another way, and is called "Fée Fée" just from Paris. Frank Daniels will revive "Little Puck" at Buffalo Aug. 28. Georgie Parker, at one time a fivorite variety performer, will soon return to this country from Loadon, where she has been appearing in the music halls for a year past.

The managers of the different music halls and roof gardens, which are flaying a more important part in theatrical matters than they ever did before, announce several changes for the coming week. During the regular dramatic season these changes would be scarcely matic acases these changes would be scarrely noticed, but in the present dearth of theatrical novelties they are regarded with much interest by people who feel the need of entertainment at all times of the year, and especially in summer. Frequenters of koster & Bial's will learn with regret that the engagement of Mile. Diamantine has been indefinitely postponed. This lady has cabled that serious lilness has made it impossible for her to undertake a sea voyage, and therefore Messrs. Koster & Bial, in their ardor to secure a suitable substitute for the French singer. have arranged for the appearance of a boxing kangaroo, that will give its first exhibition of scientification of the substitute for the French singer. Have arranged for the appearance of a boxing kangaroo, that will give its first exhibition of scientification of the surging to morrow night. Another event at this house will be the revival of Dorothy Denning's artistic and graceful serpentipe dancedwhich has not been seen there for the past fortnight. The Eden Musée promises a novelty in the shape of a company of fius slanfemale dancers, who will appear in the costumes and peasant dances of their native land. The imperial has closed its doors for a time, but the Aronsons have secured some of the people who recently performed there for their Casing roof entertainment. Equipments noticed, but in the present dearth of theatrical people who recently performed there for their Casino roof entertainment. Eunice Vance is one of the entertainers who will remain with Casino roof entertainment. Eunice Vance is one of the entertainers who will remain with us under these new conditions, and it is gratifying to know that Charles Compton will also be spared to us for a while longer. The Aronsons have also been litted by a French lady, one whom they had engaged to appear as a principal attraction in place of Trewer, whose engagement will end to-night. Mile. Arv. the false and fair one, has been detained in Faris by music hall managers, who feared that if she once left the French capital she would never return, so we must console ourselves with the thought that, after all, she is probably exactly like any one of the score of other French singers whom we have already heard. At Proctor's Theatre may be seen an array of singers, dancers, and "sketch artists." including Wilfried Young, who sings at 11 every morning; Conroy and Fox, Gus Fixley, and Carrie Hawkes. The American roof garden has as its best entertainers John Kernell, Maggio Cline, and the Frantz family, while at the Madison Square may be seen Elsie Adair, Kate Davis, and Edwina, the sensational dancer.

country, beginning at the Hollis Street Theatre. Boston, in October. The Pauline Hall opera company, now filling a summer engagement at the Tremont Theatre in Boston, will soon put in rehearsal a new opera by W. W. soon put in renearsat a new opers by w. w. Furst and C. M. S. McClellan. In this piece Miss Hall will assume the role of a swiss boy and will make her first appearance on the stage in a wagon drawn by dogs. Brooklyn is to have a new theatre. It will be situated at Smith and Livingston atreets. Augustus Thomas, who is at work on a new play for Charles Frohman, has taken as a thema the Smith and Livingston streets. Augustus Thomas, who is at work on a new play for Charles Froham. has taken as a theme the political life of Washington, a subject which lias served many a dramatist before. "Old Glory." a new melodrama by Charles T. Vincent, will be produced early in the fall with George P. Webster in the chief part. Henrietta Crossman will take the place of the late Mrs. Barrymore as leading lady of Charles Frohman's Comedians. Milton Nobles will begin his season with "The Phonnix" at the People's Theatre. Aug. 14. Marie Halton who sand at the Casine not very long ago, has returned to New York from London with the intention of making a tour of this country with a new opera. Mrs. Beerbohm-Tree, Mrs. Kendal, and a number of other well-known English actresses gave to the Princess Mary, on the occasion of her wedding, an exquisite spray of rose leaves in diamonds. Mme. Patti, who's famous for her open-handed liberality, wroten leiter of congratulation to the young bride. Cyril Tyler, who was at Proctor's Theatre early in the spring, is singing in London under the management of the venerable Col. Mapleson, and will return to this country in the fall. Pauline Markham is in a Louisville infirmary, suffering from a broken leg. Peter F. Dailoy will begin his season in August with "The Country Sport." May Irwin and John G. Sparks will he in his company. E. S. Willard has found "The Professor's Love Story" a most valuable addition to his repertory and one that draws as well in Chicago as it does in Boston. Mme. Cottrelly, who years ago conducted the Thalia Theatre in this city and afterward sang in English in the McCaull Opera Company and elsewhere, will be heard with Russell's Comedians this season. It is possible that the Manhattan Opera House will be turned into a music hall before long.

Mrs. Langtry will make another tour of this

A very cool and comfortable resort these hot nights is Terrace Garden. where visitors are entertained with comic opers in the theatre or with refreshments underneath cool, green vines in the garden outside. This week vines in the garden outside. This week a soubrette named Miss Holz will make her first appearance in "Boccacelo." and on Saturday "Nanon" will be performed. Such pieces as the "Beggar Student." Black Hussar. Ac. will fill out the week. To-morrow night Dr. Carver will introduce his famous feat of sharpshooting from horseback in "The Scout" at the Academy of Music. New life will be infused into "Panjandrum" at the Broadway Theatre to-morrow evening by the appearance of Edna Wallace Hopper in the part which Delia Fox relinquished, for vacation purposes only, last night. "A Trip to Chinatown" runs amoothly at the Madison Bquare Theatre, with three newcomers-Patrice, Aldrich Libbey, and Julius Witmark—in the cast. Present indications point to a much longer run for the piece. Kellar begins his ninth week at Daly's to-morrow night with one or two new tricks and his assurance to the public that he will remain there until the production of "L'Enlant Prodigue" the French pantomime. The managers of "Ring Solomon," the spectacle now current at Eldorado, have provided a variety entertainment for the benefit of those who visit the grounds in the afternoon. The band concerts begin at 4 o'check, and are followed by the entertainment already alluded to, in which acrobats, Egyptian jugglers, and trained dors take part. Chara Beckwith in her glass tank is a refreshing of Vicksburg has proved a good attraction at Manhattan Beach, where Bousa's concerts may also be enjoyed every afternoon and evening. The horse race in "The Prodigal Daughter" attracts as much attention at the American Theatre as it did during its first week. soubrette named Miss Holz will make her first

Alaska's Wealth in Fars

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Bearthe San Francisco Chronicis.

George Howe, Ladd's agent at the trading station at Cook's Inlet, has done well during the past winter. He has secured 454 primo beaver skins, 176 land otter, 807 minz, 224 red fox, 86 silver gray, 122 cross fox, 85 black bear, and 32 brown bear skins. Besides this he has a genuine live black fox worth all of \$50.0 and three live black fox worth all of \$50.0 and three live black fox worth all of \$50.0 and three live black fox worth all of \$50.0 and three live black fox worth all of \$50.0 and three live black fox worth all of \$50.0 and three live black fox a black for white eshot four very large sea ofters. He soid the skins on his return for \$1.000. One, a liver tip, will readily bring over \$1.000 in London. The trading stations of the North American Commercial and the Alaska Commercial Company have done well, and the result is that both will send down a large collection of furs.

SOME POEMS WORTH READING

As Old Latter Here lies a single setter
Just dropped from—who knows where t
Bome merchant to his debtor: Stay! No, the hand was fair That penned the graceful writing. And pressed the crimson seal.

Alse! Time's touch so blighting The faded lines reveal

Here tears have left their traces. In many wavering blurs; Kind tears, their course effaces Those messages of hers. Yet bere and there a glimmer Of quaintly inchioned phrase Evokes a light from dimmer and less harmonious days.

"She knows the skies above her Are those same skies that hold In guard her absent lover. Where battle smoke is rolled; And so she trusts God's guiding"; We cannot read the rest Behind the tear-trace hiding;

Warder of old leve-glory, Profits us not to know. Why should we thrust our fingers Into thy guarded past ? Only the brown page lingers, Tattered and frayed, at last,

Let pitying hands, then, place thee Upon the glowing fire. Here let the flames embrace thee, Here be thy funeral pyre. Cold, careless eyes shall never Over thy fragments run, Vanish from sight forever; Go, for thy work is done ! ROBERT GILBERT WELER.

A Romance on the Half-shell. She was a dimpled oyster. The belle of the bivaive bed, And dwelt in a pearly cloister, Where the waves romped overhead, Though soft and fair and rounded, Her features were not pronounced, And rumors grave abounded Of the su tors she had bounced.

'Twas said a youthful shelifish, Who had grown up by her side. When scorned by this siren selfish Just closed up his face and died; While a crab of social station. A leader in the swim. His claws, when she closed on him

Yet when a tough young clambet, Despite her parents' frown. Dropped into that oyster hamlet, The beauty melled down; She sought with him the races. Where the swift sea-horses sped, And haunted doubtful places When she should have been in bed. So this coquette crustacean

Imperilled her good name, And sad infatuation He taught her how to gather The crap of tender age And many things I'd rather Not mention on this page. At last they overhauled him

In his criminal career. Resentless fate had called him A festive board to cheer; And so deep was her dejection The unhealthiest refection That an oysteress could stand.

The poor little oyster died, Though ner case beyond a question Was fate so very cruel? Would mine were baif so blest, To change into a jewel,

To a Discouraged Post. You have to fight for fame, do not forget, These seeming giants, perched upon their hills, Each one a genius to himself, have quills All inked and sharpened well for the onset; They'll soub you right and left without regret. A helping hand? Don't look for it; their rills llave little they can spare: their rhyming mills Have their own corn to grind, and cash to get. Sing if you must. Of the result why care ! ople will heed if it is from the heart; What gain you by surrender to despair If you have good ideas, well wed to art, In time these hill-perched giants will grow kind.

EDWARD S. CREARES.

An Up-to-date Solliogur.

From the London Truth.

To paint or not to paint? That is the question: Whether 'tis better on one's cneeks to suffer The marks indicted by a wearing season. Or to take steps against increasing paleness. And, with the rouge pot, end it? To paint, to rouge—Thairs all; and by a simple smear to mask Time's onset, and to change the pasty hus Upr dead is held to "lis a consummation Devoutly to be wish'd. To paint, to rouge, prochance to dand—smeas some make For, of that simple smear to make. The same was one make for, of that simple smear due is next to rouge. For, of that simple smeared in hersiate. Ere we suppose the continuation of the same was and the rub; for crowded baits, of visits to the opera; Of crowded baits, of visits to the opera; Of smart reunions and sleep curtail'd; When she herself might bring youth's roses back with a soft hare's foot? Who would still be pale, But that the dread of rouging badly done. Of paint put on with ineffective touch, and clumily within puriles the will, and makes us rather wear the hue we have Than rouge a new one when we accarce know how? Thus does self-consciousness and fear of ridicule Make cowards of some of us, though not of all; and keep us, in the might or painted biushes, Salli sicklied o'er with a paic cast of cheek. An Up-to-date Sollloguy.

A Ballad of Anthors and Books.

From the Specialor.

In the cover of the Island of Treasure,
On the tropical Beach of Falses,
Inave taken unlimited pleasure,
Watted there by a favoring breeze,
I have lingered with Lang and his Bookmen,
I have lingered with Lang and his spock-men,
And have steadfastly wished for their loss.

I have studied Vanbrush and Pinero.
Ford and Weiner, Kit Marlowe and Jones;
Willie, to me, Offers Wilde was a hero,
With his wittig cynical tones;
But so long as "A Doll's House" the craze is,
I am sure that the public might see,
If they wish for a play that amazes,
They can get one much better from me. They can get one much loy and each sorrow of the garraious "Warriors Three."
I have trace led in Spain with George Borrow, I have traced the Autocrat's tea:
I have instead to Barrie's awest "Thrumming."
And enjoyed "Lady Windermere's Fan."
But I thank of the writer who's coming.
And wonder if I am the man.

Q. B

Parental Advice. Facilit. Strankid, ain't ye, Johnny?
Wall, this is the way! view t.
That the gais would like to love ye.
But you've got to make 'enu do it.
Don't go browsin' at a distance.
In some partur we distance.
In some partur we distance.
Don't helie makes the heart grow fonder, we step up to 'em, Johnny, smarter;
Sorry Kate give you't e mitten;
She'd said in 'Yes, "as sure as Gospel
If you hadn't been such a kitten.
You will learn to view this matter
Bineby jest the way! view it,
That the gais would like to love ye,
But you've got to make 'em do it.
Werrybody's bound to have 'em From the l'ankee Bade

But you we get to make 'em do it,

Everybody's bound to have 'em
All at any rate, but few are;
An' w'en I was yoang an' lively

It as a la was yoang an' lively

It as a la was popul it to her
iksered completely out of natur,

Trembin' like a frightened rabbit,

Hushin' like a rightened rabbit,

Hushin' like a rightened rabbit,

After she had to! me 'No, sir,"

I was jest about as you be.

Goin' round imp an' kinder dampish,

Feslin' like a blasted booby.

But I dn'i spunked up courage

Like a man to go an' win her,
An' she's been a blessin' to me.

I can't say a word agin her!

Did I get her !'' Now you're crazy.

"Did I get her?" Now you're crary.
Do you's pase I'd get another
Wen I loved the ral like I did?
Go an' ask her she's yer mother.
Since that time I tell the youngsters
Jeat the way I aliaz view it.
That the gale would like to love 'em.
But they've got to make 'em do it.
Saw Walter Foss.

Love Frankly Approved. From the Journal of Education.
If nature deigns to charm the eye
With howers of every hue.
Rejoicing though at night they die,
Why not be happy too!
Why not, why not.
Why not be bappy too!

A thousand creatures frisk and fly
And seek, and spend, and woo;
Bhall we the common law deny?
Why not be happy too;
Why not, why not,
Why not be happy too;

Squires and bee with rapture ply
The arts their fathers knew;
If these rejoice, why so may I!
Wity not be bappy toe;
Why net, why net,
Why not be bappy toe; The bready brooks go laughing by.
The birds sing in the blue.
The very heavens exult, and crys
Why not be happy too?
Why not, why not.
Why not be happy too?
Dona Read Goodale. QUESTIONS BY SUN READERS.

A friend prefers this explanation of the phrase "I ac knowledge the corn," to the one we gave in this column two weeks ago; and we agree with him that it is more sensible than that which we found and gave:

sensible than that which we found and gave:

Walsh, is his handheok of "Literary Curlosties,"
gives this account of the phrase: in 1828 Andrew
stewart, a member of Congress, said in a speech that
Ohio, Kennucky, and Indiana sent their naystacks,
cornields, and fodder to New York and Phinadelphia
for sale. Wickliffs of the State and Called hir his delibration of the Congress, said on a speech that
or sale. Wickliffs of States and Called hir his delibration of the Congress of

much corn does it take at thirty-three cents a bushel to fatten a hog ?"
"Why, thirty bushels."
"Then you put thirty bushels into the shape of a hog and make it wake off to the Eastern market then Mr. Wickliffe jumped up and said, "Mr. Speaker, I ack nowledge the corn."
Another friend objects to the use—net in this column

of the word Hurl Gate when Hell Gate is meant. He refers to the eminent historian, Diedrick Knicker-bocker, to support his contention that Hell Gate is the right name of the channel. Of course his contention a right. The absurd and meaningless name, "Hur Gate," was devised by the pious people who put trousers on piano legs, and believe that most of their friends and all their enemies are going to Hell (with a eapital II), though they never it's to bear any one but themselves say the word. The revisers may have knocked hell ont of the Bible but they cam't knock it out of the East River, so long as any genuine New Yorker remains above ground. Gen. Newton is the only man who ever succeeded in doing that; and good many centimental New Yorkers even yet are bit sorry over it.

1. Why were the portraits of Pope Pius VII. and Cardinal Consalvt placed in the Waterion gallery at Windsor Castle? What did they have to do with the great Corsican's downtail? 2. Will you also inform us who commanded the attent at the battle of Leipsic, where Napoleon was defeated?

2. They had nothing directly to do with Napoleon's fall, but the Waterloo chamber contains portraits of those who had to do with Napoleon and were inerested in overthrowing him. Pine and Consalvi were Pope and Papal Secretary of State, and suffered to-gether from Napoleon's Government. 2 Prince Schwarzenberg; this was Karl Philipp, Prince of Schwarzenberg and Duke of Kromau, an Austrian Field Marshal-General. He was born in 1771, entered the army in 1788, and after much service in war and as a diplomatist, became General of cavatry in 1809. He was Austrian Ambassador in Paris in 1811, at the marriage of Napoleon to Maria Louisa; he accompanied Napoleon to Moscow in command of the Saxon troops, and in 1813 he was made Field Marshal at Napoleon's wish. When the prace between France and Austria was broken Schwarzenberg was made Generalissimo of the allied armies. He was Commander-in-Chief of the aitted armies on the upper Rhine after Napoleon's return from Elba. He had nothing to do, however, Waterloo putting Napoleon out of the way. He died at Leipsic, Oct. 15, 1820, while on a journey.

1. What States have been admitted since 1890, and what is the capital and date of admission of each? 2. Who was the first Governord New York after the Revolution? 3. When was the present Constitution of Mew York State adopted, and when the proceeding ones: 4. Who was the first Mayor of New York city after the Revolution? 5. What is the approximate width of the Hudden at Seventy-seventh street: 0. Is there a Turritory of Oklahoma?

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1. North Dakota and South Dakota were admitted on Nov. 2, 1889; Montana on Nov. 8, 1889; Washington on Nov. 11, 1889; Idaho on July 3, 1899, and Wyoming on July 19, 1890. 2 George Clinton, who served from 1777 to 1795. 3 The present Constitution was adopted n 1846 and amended at various times since then. The first Constitution was adopted by a Convention on April 20, 1777; the second was ratified by the propie in Fabruary, 1822, having been adopted by a Convention on Nov. 10, 1821; the third is the present Constitution. 4. David Matthews, Mayor from 1776 to 1783. 5. Just enough over one mile to say so. 6. Yes; it was erected into a Territory by not of Congress of May 2, 1800, and the first Governor was appointed by the President in May, 1890. The country had been opened to settlement by the President on April 22, 1889.

Being a stranger in New York, I would like to know who the Earl of Dodge may be and why the rather rickety status to the memory of him or in his honor, should have been placed at the intersection of Sixth avenue and Broadway. What did this nobleman do for New York that it should be made to suffer this not to-over-artistic effig of him. The statue is not to the Earl of Dodge, but to Wil-liam E. Dodge, a New York merchant, who was quietly prominent among religious and temperance people during his life. He was also wealthy. The statue was raised "under the auspices" of the Chamber of Commerce, by admiring members of his family, though we believe the inscription says that public contribu tions did the deed. The actual blame should lie on the members of the family, however, and not on the pub-lic. Occasional protests have been made against the use of a public place as a private memorial; some day

What, in your opinion, would be the most reliable and comprehensive books (American) to have in making oneself acquainted with the history and geography of the United States, and what publications best describe the Constitution of the country and its railway If the work be foreign, and yet serves the purpose, why not name it? The very best book on this country

and its Constitution is Bryces "The American Com-monwealth," an English book (third edition. \$3.50, Macmillan & Co.). Shouler's illistory of the United States is an excellent one (five vols., \$7.50, Dodd, Mead & ('o.). Poor's "Railroad Manual" (\$5; H. V. & H. W. Poor), gives details of all the railroads, but we think it is hardly what you want. We know of no other rea 'railroad history" of the country, however.

Would you be good enough to inform me when the Conqueror, one of the latest additions to the British may, was launched? also, her tonnage, horse newer, number of guns, and where she is or has been recently The Conqueror is not "one of the latest additions to the British navy," as she was launched in 1882. She has a displacement of 0,200 tons, is of 0,000 horse power, has two screws; she has side armor of from 8% to 12 inches, bulkheads 10% to 11% inches, and 1; inches of armor on her turrets and conning tower, she being a turret ship. She carries two 12-inch 45-ton rifles, four six-inch 89-cwt. rifles, six 6-pounder rapid-firing guns, twelve machine guns, and two light guns,

The other day in a talk I said that the Pope recited the requiem mass for the repose of President Garfield's soul. This, I believe, I saw in the papers at the time of his death. Am I right? We think you are wrong; certainly we find no men Catholic, and certainly the Pope is a good Catholic The Papal court sent messages of condoience on the death of the President, just as did every other court, and the Italian Free Masons held memorial services; but the Pope, so far as we can find, did not.

and has six torpedo tubes. She is laid up at Devosport

1. Which travels the faster, electricity or light 1. Electricity; it travels at the rate of 288,000 mile a second, more or less; while light travels at the rate of 196,000 miles a second—also more or less, 2. The diameter of the earth at the equator is 7,924.87 miles; at the poles it is 7,898.63 miles. It is generally taken as being about 8,000 miles, which is near enough for

What was the religion in which John Milton was captized, and in what faith did he die! H. A. Meil. The Protestant religion, as it existed in England in the early past of the seventeenth century; he was a Puritan, his father having been a convert from Roman Catholicism. Mitton died a Protestant, with strong heretical leanings towards Arianism or Unitarianism.

To settle a bet, will you give your decision on the following point: "On which is the term brunetle" based more, the color of a person's skin or the color of the hair and eyes."

On the color of a person's skin. The word is dog-french; it should be brune, as opposed to blonds.

Who was the inventor, founder, discoverer of per pective in drawing? spective in drawing?

The Van Eveks observed perspective, 1426-1446; and
Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Albert Burer were
the first to consider it scientifically. The first book en perspective was published by Guido Ubaido in 1608. Can a New York Marshal arrest a resident of New Jersey for non-payment of regimental fines, the delinquent being a member of a New York regiment J. A. F.

If the Jerseyman is found in New York the Marsha

Has any detective agency the right to search or open sealed packages left in an e deposit vaulet? H. H. Not as a detective agency. Such an agency may obtain an order of court authorizing it to obtain and examine such packages.

How many people that get married live to celebrate their golden wedding ! H. W. S. their goiden wedding?

The proportion of golden weddings to marriages has never been worked out, so far as we know. It is certainly very small, perhaps not half of one per cent.

E. C. B.-Miss Mary E. Wilkins's blography appeared in a recent number of Hurper's Monthly R. A. Has Crum .- We do not know the location of the "Old Stewart Hotel;" nor do we know when it was

closed or torn down. James Parrell .- The steamer Gwalla belongs to the Gwalla Steamship Company (Hurley, Matthews & Co.) of Cardiff, Wales.

Patrick White.-July 18, 1816, came on a Thursday; Jan. 12, 1824, on a Monday; May S1, 1861, on a Satur day, and Nov. J, 1851, on a Saturday.

L. B. O.—If you are a poor man, and have an inven-tion, the best thing you can do with it is not to patent it—to desiroy it. A patent costs from \$35 upward, besides the fees to a patent lawyer. Then the patent doesn't prolect yee at first; anybody may infringe on it, and you must defend it until the couris have de-sided finally that you are entitled to the patent, how-ever far in the future that decision may be. Still, you might take your invention to some lawyer, or to some one interested in similar inventions. POLITICAL NOTES.

Article six of the State Constitution empowers the Legislature to provide, in counties of more than forty thousand inhabitants, for the election of a Surrogate whose term of office shall be the same as the County Judge. The Legislature of 1891 did so provide by lengthening the term of the Surrogate of New York county from six to fourteen years. Gideon J. Tucker was elected in 1863, Robert C. Hatchings in 1860, Stephen D. Van Schalek in 1875, Daniel G. Rollins in 1881, and Rastne S. Ransom, the present Surrogate, in 1887. His term expires on Dec. 31, and his successor, for the long term of fourteen years, will be elected in November. There are no County Judges in New York, the County Court being the Court of Common Pleas. the Judges of which are elected for fourteen years. Another section of the Constitution empowers the Legislature to provide for the election of an additional Surrogate in special cases and under this provision Frank T. Fitzgerald was elected last year.

Police Commissioner McClave, the Republican Commissioner, has appointed Dr. Daniel J. Donovan, Vice-President of the Stuyvesant Democratic Club, a Police Surgeon: salary \$2,500.

Louisiana is not divided into counties like the; other States, but into parishes in the parish of St. Tammany, so called after the big chief of Delawares (its name was given to the parish by a former member of Tammany who removed from New York to the Petican State) the total vote at the late election was less than one thousand, and true to the Democratic rec Tammany everywhere, it was carried by the cratic electoral ticket by a vote of 2 to 1 against the Republican and Populist opposition.

United States Supreme Court Judges receive, \$10,000 a year salary; the County Clerk of New York received

Five premiums, of \$2,000 each, will be awarded to architects whose designs are deemed worthy, but are not accepted by the Commissioners of the new City Hall building. The architect whose plan is accepted will be paid five per cent on the first \$1,000,000 of the cost, four per cent, on the second \$1,000,000, and three per cent, on the remainder as his remuneration.

Aspirants for the Senatorship in Illinois, to succeed Ste by M. Cullom, whose term expires in 1895, are be-ginning to appear. The next Legislature will, it is assumed, be Democratic, and William R. Morrison, Gov. Altgeld, Ben Cable, Carter H. Harrison, John A. Kins joint ballot.

The cost of fencing, regulating, curbing, grading surveying, and numbering New York city streets amounts in a year to \$600,000.

The outing of the Timothy D. Sullivan Ass takes place on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Suizer's Harlem River Park, where sporting prizes will be distributed. Three of the officers of the association are Sullivans, and there are enough Sullivans in the Fourth and Stath wards to constitute a political party of themselves.

Nine thousand eight hundred and thirty-five bills were introduced in the House of Representatives and 3,404 in the Schate, during the first session of the Fifty-second Congress and \$23 of the measures so introduced became laws-one in 16.

which governs the administration of New York's financlai affairs in very little understood. Only current revenues, derived from taxation, or the operation of public departments maintained by taxation go to pay the ordinary running expenses. Unusual expenses are paid for by the issue of bonds. All revenues from city property, paid for by the issue of bonds, go into the sinking fund for the extinction of the debt. In this way there is established, almost automatically, a fund for paying it off, and but for new obligations incurred time to time the debt itself would tely be entirely cancelled. Of the bonds for the purposes described by the title of each, the city owns all outstanding County Court House, Morningside Park Improvement, Castle Garden, Harlem Police Court, Gansevoort Mar-ket improvement, Ward's Island Improvement, East River Park, Mount Morris Park and Criminal Court House. Of the Harlem Bridge bonds issued the city owns \$1,800,000, and of the new Park bonds \$446,000 of \$9,800,000 issued for acquiring them. No city has a higher financial credit than New York.

The annual Hesse Darmstadt entertainment began on Sunday last at Harism River Park, and ex-Alder man Tom Rothman, the most conspicuous Hessian is the politics of this town, was a feature thereof. He is a Seventh district Republican.

There has been noticed of late by careful observers some failing off in the beneficent political activity, as a decapitator of Republicans, of smiting Robert Max-well. He is falling below the record of Clarkson and of Stevenson, and his axe no longer swings with sturdy strokes. The only exp anation of this matter yet fur-nished attributes the decrease in energy to the absence of Mr. Cleveland from Washington. Since his depart are the falling of has taken place. While he is ther the decapitating machino goes, as rotary engineers would say, at full head.

Two almost simultaneous occurrences have greatly

encouraged and decidedly stirred up the Socialists in New York city and thereabouts—the gain of thei brethren in the recent German Parliamentary election and the parton by Gov Altgeld of Illinois of those convicted of complicity in the Haymarket riot in Chicago in 1886. The Socialist party is social, as well as political. Women take an active part in its affairs, and its political organization is the accompaniment of its labor divisions. For some time past, the interests of the socialistic labor party have been on the decline, but for the two reasons named they have taken an upward start again, and it would be no cause for great use if they were able to poll 10,000 votes in New their candidate for Governor in 1891.

It is a little soon for candidates to declare them selves upon the State ticket, especially in view of the fact that a majority of the Democratic officials whose terms expire this year are certain to be renominated and just as sure to be reflected. There is however already some little controversy over the office of Secr tary of State, for which Frank Rice is not again a car didate, having served two terms, and for the successor ship to Eillot Danforth, State Treasurer, who decitne another term under like circuinstances. There is also a vacancy in the Court of Appeals, and some Mug-wumps are threatening the deepast wingeance on all things Democratic and terrestrial if Isaac H. Maynard is nominated to fill it. They declare in advance that they will not vote for him. They made the same declaration in 1889 against Mr. Tabor for Attorney-General and Mr. Wemple for State Comptroller, bot Democrats. Mr. Tabor's majority was 5,711; Mr. Wen pie's was 11,190.

Stephen J. Field, Democrat, is now the senior member of the United States Supreme Court. He is a native of Connecticut, was an original forty-niner, served as a Judge before California became a State, and was appointed to his present position by President Lincoln March, 1863, as a war Democrat,

At last, after a delay of years, there is to be at 26 Macdougal street a new station house and prison replacing the old one at the corner of Prince and Wooster streets. When the Fifty-third Congress assembles in extraor-

dinary session, in response to the President's call, on Aug. 7, one notable thing about it will be the fact that New York will for the first time in forty years, be represented by two Democrats in the United States Sen ate. They will be reenforced by a solid delegation o sixteen Democratic Congressmen from New York, Brooklyn, and vicinity. Heretofore the commanding and important business interests which centre in and about New York, and which radiate from this city have been spoken for in the Senate by Republicans usually, and that fact gave the Republicans a decided advantage as representing the largest mercantile and monetary interests here. Conkilns, Mergan, Evarts, and Miller were prominent as Republican Senators, Hereafter, beginning next month, two Democrats will peak for the Empire State in the Federal Senate.

In the general improvement in public buildings the District Courts are not suffering, and it seems likely that before long the improvement in their accommo-dations will be a thorough one. The Ninth District Court is in the splendid new building on 121st street. The First District Court and the Eleventh Distric courts have been removed to more commodicus quar-ters, and the Third occupies part of a building cape. cially designed for its use. The Eighth District Court however, has not kept up with the procession, an the proposition is again heard that it might, with propriety and advantage, be removed from Twenty-sec-oud-street and Seventh avenue, where it now is, to the Grand Opera House building, on the corner of Eighth avenue and Twenty-third street.

The total number of Government-paid positions in the New York Custom House is 1,730, thus divided be-tween the several departments composing it: Collec-tor's office, 1,220; Appraiser's office, 362; Navat office, 105; Surveyor's office, 40, The annual pay roll of the Custom House amounts to about \$225,000 a year. The

The Republican headquarters-seekers have struck another sing in their diligent efforts to secure a per-manent meeting place for their party representatives in New York. The committee in charge of the matter (it has been under consideration since 1887) are diyided in their views. They are not agreed about the opportuneness of this time for money raising for this purpose. Some think they should go shead; others that they should temporise and delay. The result is that there is no Republican headquarters in New York, or any present prospect that there will be one for some

THE SUN'S SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS

The answer to George Pinckenauer as to the count of three threes and two sixes in a cribbage hand printed in Ten Suy of July 9, was an error. The hand counts 18 instead of 14—fitteen 10, 6 threes, and 2 sixes. The question was answered hurrically, and the editor thanks the many readers of the card school who have o kindly, sarrastically, merrily, fairly, incorrectly, pleasantly and otherwise commented upon the error. The list of friendly notes calling the wilton's attention o his mistake is postmarked from nearly every State east of the Mississippi, and reveals an astonishing number of careful cribbage players. The senders were of both sexes and all professions. In the same man was a letter dated from a well-known New York opium joint, and another from the rectory of a fashiom-able Episcopal courch, whose jolly parson remarked that while his name and address were obviously not for publication, he was too much of a "cribbage crank" not to write. One friendly gentleman wrote that he couldn't keep track of his children if he couldn't count better than the card editor. If his progeny are so numerous that he recknow them up by fifteen-twos, or sixes and threes, his remark was very apt. To those who descanted about the frequency of such errors it must be replied that they will have great trouble in **! ablishing the justness of their criticisms from the flies of the card school.

Rindly answer the following query: A and B are partners and C and D are partners in a four-handed game of enchrs. A turns up trump. C passes. B says. "Hi play it alone." D takes three tricks. To how many points is be (D) entitled, and, if he takes all the tricks, to but many points. 1. Two 2. Two.

Will you please decide a bet in double pinochie. M bets H that he can't med the four kines and four queens a: once and count 240 in a new handed same. A Constant Mesons M wins. The most that can be meided with those eards in a two-handed game is 220, in a three or four-

ive cards is a foul hand, and may not be played. This decision is on the understanding that A has looked at the cards he drew. If he has not, it is a misdeal. Please decide the following bet: In a four-handed

game of pinochie A has use four kings and four queens.

Ilow much do they meid?

Two hundred and forty.

Will you kindly answer the following: In the game of pinochie, three or four handed, I claim that it is computery to always piny higher than the card led, whether it be trumps or not, while Actains it is only computery to play higher when trumps are led. In its right. You are right. A player must take the trick if he

Suppose a person in a gum; of set-back has three to go and sells for two. The bidder has high and the seller low. Who is entitled to the game, though the bidder makes high game?

ANION.

No one can tell from that statement. The seller does not add the bid of two to his score, however, and his low therefore would not put him out in that deal.

Please decide the following bet, in a game of pinochie, in your sunday's paper. The game is two-handed, and a takes a trick and wants to meld four kings and four queens, and claims 140. It says he cannot. Who is right?

Will you please decide the following: A. H. and C. are playing three-handed eachy for one dollarn corner, a has eight point; B. seven, and C. Dre. C deax and picks it up. B hoids a hand to each te C. but plays so that C makes his point. A object, and says it should play to each te C. B cathin he had a perfect right to play as be did, saying that if he each ted; A would be out, and if he did that he would be playing against himself.

F. P. T.

B played like a scientific suchre player. Any three handed game, when played for money, is essentially a cut-throat gam.

beat sixes and fours, otherwise the sixes and four, win. Please answer the following question in the Sunday Sux to decide a her: A, R, C, B, E, P are playing a game of eacher, everyhely for himself. A pieck up a club, as it is his deal, and takes every trick. How many points is he entitled to? By so doing you will oblige a constant render.

That sort of game is a variation of suchre which is played only by special agreement, and the agreement

In pinochle can you meld a marriage in trumps and then add the remaining parts and meld one hundred and first? Yes. That's the only way to do it.

To decide a bet, please answer in Sunday's edition of rour paper which is the winning throw in poker dice, Thomas Mellegii. Saces or 5 sixes. In poker dice sixes are high unless it is specially

Please decide the following bet in a game of draw poker: A bets B that in the draw for cards the second time if his card turns face up he is entitled to draw another card before the test of the party receive theirs and B bets that he has to wait until at the rest of the party receive their cards and he can draw what he desires. A is right. If a card is exposed in the draw the

A ton of wold recently taken from the South African mines was on exhibition at Pretoria lately.

The Duke of Westminster has spent over a million pounds in rebuilding Eaton Hall, which is now considered to rival Chatsworth as England's finest house. Over a ton of tobacco and cigars was burned some two weeks ago at Portsmouth in the furnace known as "the Queen's Pipe," where all contraband tobacco seized in Great Britain is destroyed.

Mrs. Hannah Davies, wife of a laborer living near Cardigan, is a candidate for the "Queen's Hounty." She gave birth to four children, three girls and a boy, three weeks ago, and all are doing well.

A tiny elephant, three years old, thirty-six inches

high, three feet long, and weighing 168 pounds, is on exhibition in Berlin. The dwarf phenomenon is from Sumatra. Its normal kin weigh at the same age from Sumatra. Its normal kin weigh at the same age from three to three and a half tons.

The oldest actor in England is believed to be Mr.

James Doel, 90 years old, who played First Gravedigger to Edmund Koan's Homie, and has played with Ma-cready Sheridan Knowles, Buckstone, Miss Cushman, Miss Fanny Kemble, and Mrs. Keeley. The phyllogera has appeared in the vineyards of the province of Trapani Sicily, in which Marsaia is situated. This is the only province of the Island which has hith-

erto been exempt from the visitation. A Government ommission has been sent to combat the scourge. The contract between the Portuguese Governmen and a British company for laying and maintaining a cable between Lisbon and the Azores, with power to extend the communication to England and America, was signed by the King and ratified two weeks ago, and the cable will be laid forthwith.

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Alaw is to be promulgated in Russia this summer prohibiting the transfer of land in the possession of rural communities, or individual peasants, to persons not belonging to the rural population. The law will be made applicable to the whole of European Russia with the exception of the Baltic and Vistula provinces

Mormonism has taken a considerable hold in New Zealand, mainly among the Maoris, the latest statistics showing the sect to have 3,176 members in New Zealand, of whom but 232 are Europeans. The annual conference was held recently, and hundreds of Maori members, including several leading chiefs, attended. Twenty Mormon elders are at present in New Zealand trying to spread the faith.
One of the many expedi

One of the many expedients resorted to by British farmers in the effort to save their crops which have suffered so badly from the phenomena! fine weather, is to water them by the aid of fire engines. In the fen districts several powerful entines have been at work pumping water from the fens and discharging it in the air through special nozzles so that it falls on the fields like fine rain. The results have been excellent. Six German soldiers, including a sergeant and a cor-poral, all in full number o, alighted at Dijou from the train from Belfort some two weeks ago and asked to be taken to the military commandant. To him they explained that they had deserted from the German army in order to escape the cruel treatment to which they were sub-jected by their officers. They asked to be enlisted in the French army, signed papers for admission to the Foreign Legion, and were sent to Marseilles, en route

The latest official cholera bulletin issued by the Russian Government, under date of June 1s, is very reas-suring and hopeful. It states that twelve deaths oc-curred from cholers in four provinces during the last ten days of May. No suspicious cases had occurred elsewhere in Russia. The provinces most frared were Podolia and Bessarabia. "In the whole," sums up the London Pailly Telegraph's correspondent, "the fears entertained of a severe outbreak this year are not likely to be realized."

Women's Rights movement are becoming apparent in England Half a dozen or more cases of men suing women for breach of promise of marriage have come up in English courts recently. Two weeks ago an ac-tion of this kind by a Mr. Bourne against f.ady Cowan was called in London, but the lady had in the mean time compromised the matter with the injured swain, and it was withdrawn.

A new monument, of remarkable character, to

Alexander II. has been begun on the Kremiin Hill at Moscow. It is to be like the Kremiin in the Hyzantine Bussian style. The outer shell of the edifice is to form a kind of imperial forum, in the centre of which will be placed a green bronze statue of Alexander II, under a cupola. The building will be lighted by electricity. The principal attraction is to consist of two loggias, which will serve as a kind of promenade, and will com mand magnificent views of Moscow, with its winding giver, its convents, churches, and innume able domes and towers.

THE UNITED STATES " ARE,"

David Dudley Field on the Use of Plane Subjects with Singular Verbs. From the Boston Evening Transcript. The following letter from the distinguished

jurist and scholar. David Dudley Field, deals admirably with an important point of lagguage, and we are assured, states views in regard to which Prof. Hill and all the department of English at Harvard are wholly at one with Mr. Field:

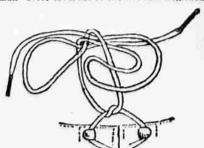
Dean Str. You have been so kind as to send me your interest have been so kind as to send me your interest have been so kind as to send of litheotic, for which it hank you. The sortion in its portly of our common speech is not a find in the your common speech is not a the tide of a hybrid language which seems the seems to see the word of the word of common speech is not a good birth into our mether tongue.

I have observed with especial gratification your condomination of an expression roc cometings by those who should know letter. I refer to the ungrammatical and dissounding phrase of the vinted States is, with variations of the ungrammatical and dissounding phrase of the vinted States is, with variations of the ungrammatical and dissounding phrase of the vinted States is, with variations of the ungrammatical and dissounding phrase of the vinted States is, with variations of the ungrammatical and dissounding phrase of the ungrammatical phrase to the ungrammatical phra

TO KERP A SHOELACE TIED.

One of the Great Annoyances of Life Removed by a Twist of the Wrist.

A public benefactor has arisen in this towaand, though he is merely selling shoes on a small salary in an up-town boot and shoe store, he is none the less worthy of fame, and, perhaps, a monument. He gives away with each pair of shoes the secret of tying them so that they will remain tied. No one needs to be told that heretofore the last thing shoelaces have been known to do has been to remain tied. Every male reader of THE SUN has more than once fallen over a schoolgiri who has sudthan once fallen over a schoolgiri who has suddenly stopped on the sidewalk to the a shoslace. Every reader of that sex has frequently
stopped—perhaps it has happened in the
middle of a declaration of love—while
his fair companion has but a foot on a near-by
garden railing and stooped over to the "that
provoking shoelace." Every such reader has
himself been haited—and perhaps missed the
inst train out of town on a Saturday night—in
order to catch un the flying ends of his shoelaces, whose tric-trae on the pavement warned
him that if he did not the them up he might trip
on one of them and break a limb. Every militiaman—every member of the Seventh Regiment



has more than once spoiled the affect of a march and dropped out of line in order to tie a refractory shoelace in the gutter while the battalion swept by. In short it has seemed as though nothing could be devised to take the place of shoelaces, and as if no way could be found for keeping them securely tied.

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This young shoe clerk has found the way—at least he has been making the way publicly known—so that hereafter men and women may buy shoes with the consciousness that they can pursue their chosen vocation without frequent and annoying interruptions that constitute a horrible slavery to their shoelaces. This clerk shows that all that is necessary is to tie a double bowknot in the same way that every lody does completing the operation up to the very last point of drawing the knot tight against the shoe. Before doing that and finishing the job he brings in his clinching and perfecting touch. It is done by merely bending one of the loops of the bow under the knot, and then pulling the knot tight by taking hold of each loop and pulling.

The illustration shows all that is new in the clever unloosable knot. When the reader ties his shoelaces and has the bowknot completed he will notice a space or opening between the laces where they come up from the shoe to meet at the knot. Into and through that space he must put one of the loop ends of the knot. He merely takes hold of one loop, bends it under the knot, pushes it through the opening between the knot and the shoe, and then pulls the knot and the shoe, and then pulls the knot and the shoe, and the he will shoelace the must put one of the knot, pushes it through the inner will be constituted by pulling on the two loops in the old fashioned way. If he does that not all the powers of darkness nor all the cussedness of inanimate things will ever be able to make that shoelace come united until he wants it to. When he wants to until it he will do so as as assity as he ever untied any shoelace. A pull on the tag end of the laces and the thing is done.